Dear Roger,

2/11/81

Maybe you can find some use for the enclsoed hasty memo for Lesar on the non-destruction of records by the FBI. He has copies of all the attachments and can make copies of any for you easier than I now can because Lil stays busy on tax work.

Rhere is more of a limit on what I can do now so I'm not takin time to try to get a sound tape of Lifton and others who did not agree on cable TV. Lonnie Hudkins told me about that and that with him were some he quited in the book. Lonnie said that one or more cut him a new asshole.

I now suspect that what Lifton had that was supposed to be new is the "surgery" which everyone noticed in the report and Newcomb and I both wrote about, as SM notes. However, be aware that he abandoned much because it was inconcistent with his fabrication.

If you want to pursue a line of thought about him being other than merely crazy, note how little he has to say about the CIA. Two mentions, I think.

As of now neither Lardner nor Lindsay is willing to do more. Lindsay has no interest and Lardner hasn't made up his mind about a review. I've more or less in touch with him.

I can't take time for that line with Macmillan. Why don't you or Sylvia? Have you spoken to Cyril a out this? Or has Sylvia?

My recollection is no longer clear on the chronology of the transfers but I have never had any reason to believe that Bobby ever had possession. I think the stuff was in the DJ building when it was transferred, other than what Secret Service transferred. I know the clothing was because I learned that from Johnson when I got after them about the destruction of the knot of the tie. As to who prompted Booby, remember what I have in PM, that the letter agreement was drafted by DJ and didn't even include the family representative. Marshall's name was written in.

If I were to make a guess about why Novella took the stuff off of Lincoln's hands it would be to frustrate any expected litigation because Lincoln was Archives, not JFK or RFK. The Library was and is Arcgives. That is what Lincoln was doing and why she was officed in Archives. The above re your 1/30. Below your 2/4.

Lifton was on Baltimore Channel 13 this morning, WJZ-TV, Westinghouse. I didn(t know until after it was over.

If you have time for the analysis of Lifton's book, fine. I'd like a copy if only to be able to provide info to others. Wrone also would like a copy because his archive will include all he can get on the irresponsibles. He has denounced them often enough, including at historians' meetings.

The Secret Service (DJ/Criminal) documents do not sound like anything I've gotten and I don't recall Secret Service acting on referrals so I'd like to see them ,thanks. I knew about that business about the literatmre in general but only in terms of how the FBI got the Secret Service off of it so fast. The two different pieces were printed at two different places. Jones is the one who told me it wasn't Oswald and the FBI reports indicate as much. (Oswald in New Orleans)

The chronology is interesting. Good to get the full thing if you can. I'd like to see it also, thanks.

I've gone back to Shea on the task force because all he asked about was a formal report. He sees the distinction I made. I've heard from him. I think he'll check further. I'll keep you posted. The equating of task force and panel was by Sol Lindenbaum.

There may be a question about how much Clark remembers mk but why not try to talk to him informally first? Depositions are costly, but not affidavits.

Best,